

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3, 14, 27, 31, 32, 41 and 43 have been amended. Claims 1-14 and 16-53 are pending in the application. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

During a telephone interview on November 27, 2006 between Examiner Zhen and Applicants' undersigned attorney, Examiner Zhen agreed that the above amendments would overcome the rejections stated in the Final Action mailed August 25, 2006.

Applicants assert that the application should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit the application is in condition for allowance, and prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

If any extension of time (under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136) is necessary to prevent the above-referenced application from becoming abandoned, Applicants hereby petition for such an extension. If any fees are due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge said fees to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert, & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505/5681-08800/RCK.

Also enclosed herewith are the following items:

- ☐ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Petition for Extension of Time
- ☐ Notice of Change of Address
- ☒ Request for Continued Examination

Respectfully submitted,

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